

Handsome Plates of Revolutionary America

[Anburey, Thomas]: TRAVELS THROUGH THE INTERIOR PARTS OF AMERICA. IN A SERIES OF LETTERS. By an Officer. London. 1789. Two volumes. [2],vii,[21],467; [2],558pp. plus eight plates (six folding) including two sheets of reproduced currency (printed on both sides). Lacks half titles. Contemporary three-quarter calf and marbled boards, spines gilt. Extremities lightly worn. Contemporary bookplate on front pastedown, contemporary ownership inscription on titlepage. Very minor foxing. Very good.

Anburey served as an officer with Burgoyne, and his text, in a series of letters, describes the disastrous campaign and his captivity by the Americans, and the march of the British troops to detention in Charlottesville, Virginia. While some of the general descriptions are taken from other writers, Anburey's account is a fascinating narrative by an observant British officer in the Revolution. The engravings, some of them quite large when unfolded, are based on expert drawings by the author, and show scenes in Canada and New York during the Burgoyne campaign (including an Indian with a dripping scalplock), and in Virginia, as well as a large map illustrating the interior of the country. This set includes the two sheets illustrating American currency after page 400 in the second volume, which are often absent.
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ERIC -

I recently purchased a 2 Vol. Set w/plates by Thomas Anburey of Travels through the Interior Parts of America, 1789, which contained several plates of Early American Currency. I thought you might like to see the illustrations and the brief description elaborating the counterfeiting conditions then. I also collect Rev. War material and colonial maps, and the currency illustrations were a great bonus. Hope all is well.

Dan

Albion

T R A V E L S

THROUGH THE

INTERIOR PARTS

OF

A M E R I C A;

IN A

SERIES OF LETTERS.

BY AN OFFICER.

Τί ὦν, ὅς τις εἴποι, ταῦτα λέγεις ἡμῖν νῦν;
ὅσα γινώτε, καὶ αἰσθῆσθε ἀμφοτέρω.

DEMOSTH. OLYNTH.

V O L. II.

L O N D O N:

Printed for WILLIAM LANE, Leadenhall-Street.

MDCCLXXXIX.

horse without his sword, he called to a negro, he had purchased from one of the French West-Indian islands, to bring it him, which the fellow did without the scabbard; when the Colonel, in great anger, said to him, *Donney moi, donney moi*, and after great hesitation, *donney moi mon scabbard*.

→ We have been of late greatly perplexed with the paper money, not only by that issued from Congress, but that issued by these States, they both having been counterfeited; the former, though not altogether, is in part refused in consequence of it, and the latter is entirely stopt, and new impressions are issued, which the Governor and Assembly conceive will not easily be counterfeited, as it is made upon paper difficult to be obtained in these parts, nor have they arrived to such perfection of making paper as to manufacture it; indeed, throughout America

America they are greatly deficient in this art, as most of their news-papers are printed upon blue, or else coarse white paper, similar to that used by shopkeepers, but the paper of this new emission, is the silver paper used by hatters, great quantities of which were found in a vessel that was captured, and was seized on by the Governor for this purpose: exclusive of the great losses that we constantly experience with paper money in general, we have suffered much by this new emission, as likewise by the great depreciation of the Congress money, as the exchange at present is after the rate of five hundred paper dollars for one guinea.

The depreciation of Congress money arises from the vast quantity of the counterfeit, which any person who hazards the risk, may have gratis, at New-York, to circulate throughout the province, and to point out to you what confusion there must

must be at the conclusion of this unhappy contest, on whichever side it may terminate, when I inform you, that there are many persons now in actual possession of plantations, which they purchased with the counterfeit money they brought from New-York. As I have repeatedly mentioned in several of my letters, various circumstances concerning paper money, and thinking they may not be unacceptable, I have enclosed a few dollars in this letter.

Yours, &c.

LET-

AMERICAN DOLLARS.




REVERSE.



AMERICAN DOLLARS.

THE UNITED STATES
N^o 16 71 58 Sixty-five Dollars.

THE Bearer is entitled to receive Sixty-five Spanish milled DOLLARS, or an equal Sum in Gold or Silver, according to a Resolution of CONGRESS of the 14th January, 1779.



LXV DOLLARS.

McAshe

REVERSE.

Sixty-five Dollars.



Printed by HALL and SELLERS. 1779.

AMERICAN DOLLARS.

THE UNITED STATES
No. 19384
THREE DOLLARS.

THIS Bill entitles the BEARER to receive Three SPANISH milled DOLLARS, or the Value thereof in Gold or Silver, according to a Resolution of CONGRESS, passed at Philadelphia, July 22, 1776.



THREE DOLLARS.

McAshe

REVERSE.

THREE DOLLARS.

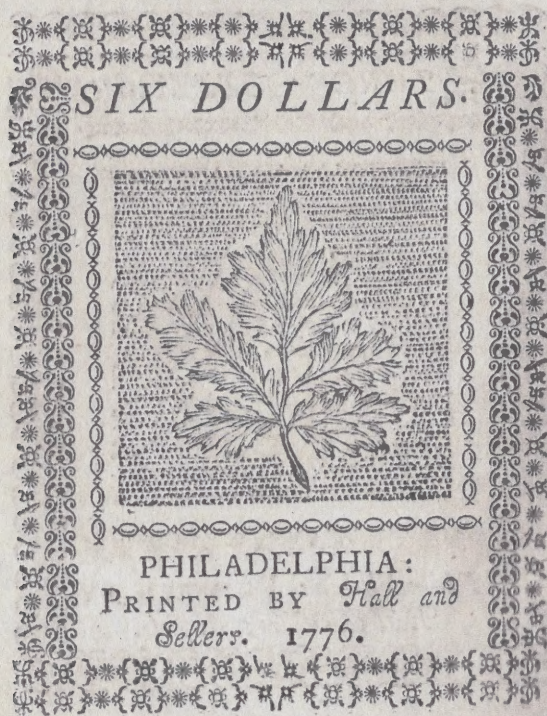


Philadelphia: PRINTED BY Hall & Sellers. 1776.

AMERICAN DOLLARS.



REVERSE.



THROUGH AMERICA. 401

L E T T E R LXVII.

Richmond, in Virginia,
July 14, 1779.

MY DEAR FRIEND,

YOU will naturally conclude, at receiving another letter from this place, that the kind reception I met with when last here, induced me to pay a second visit; but however pleasant such a journey would be, my present one is not only very disagreeable to myself, but has proved extremely so to others; my business being to communicate General Phillips's orders, that none of the officers are

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